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1. The Mineralnyye Vody Airfield is located north or northwest of the center of the city, in the immediate vicinity of the station. At this transport and training field, [ ] training flights, in which medium bombers were used, and night flying exercises.

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2. Pyatigorsk Airfield lies east of the city of Pyatigorsk in the suburb of Novi (New) Pyatigorsk. [ ] only day training flights in small planes, the so-called "Crows" ("Krahen"). In Pyatigorsk there was also a tank battalion (Abteilung), [ ] to be of about the same size as a German tank battalion.

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3. Krasnodar has two airfields, very close to one another, about three kilometers south of the center of the city in the direction of the Kuban River. At one airfield, only small planes, the so-called "Crows", were observed. These were used in training flights throughout the day. At the other airfield, used for transport as well as training purposes, night flying, blind flying, and parachute jumping took place. The following planes were observed there: reconnaissance planes; bombers, described [ ] as Martin-type bombers, Douglas-type planes, and heavier Soviet models; fighters, similar to Messerschmidts and Focke-Wulfs. Only officers acted as pilots.

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